

REMARKS

The Office Action of October 26, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and this paper is Applicant's response thereto. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-22.

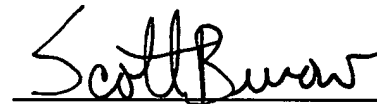
Claims 23-29 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,220,737 to Edington ("Edington"). Claim 30 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, and as suggested by the Examiner, the Applicant has amended independent claim 23 to incorporate the limitations of claim 30. Consequently, the Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance and requests prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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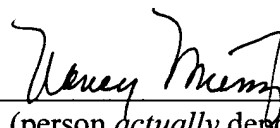


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